

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Independent claims 1, 9, 13 and 18 have been amended. Claims 25 – 28 have been cancelled. Claims 1 – 24 are currently pending.

Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1 – 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bruckner, U.S. Patent No. 6,208,992 (“Bruckner”), in view of Kish, *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,890,176 (“Kish”). The independent claims have been amended in response to the present rejection.

Specifically, independent claim 1 now recites:

relational information [that] indicates division of at least a portion of said plurality of items into a plurality of categories, wherein membership of said plurality of categories is determined by execution of one or more queries that identify items having at least one commonality; [and]

a shell for presenting said plurality of items to a user, wherein the shell is configured to present a selected category of items to a user and is further configured to present said selected category of items in accordance with a display schema stored by said shell in association with said selected category of items.

Independent claim 13 now includes similar claim language and is likewise patentable over Bruckner and Kish. Indeed, Applicants respectfully submit that neither cited reference teaches **execution of one or more queries to divide items in categories and then presenting a selected category with a display schema associated with that particular, selected category,** as now required by independent claims 1 and 13.

With respect to independent claim 9, this claim now recites:

presenting the displayed items with a shell view schema stored in association with said relationship type, wherein said displaying further includes presenting one or more display elements defined by at least a portion of the displayed items, wherein conflicts between said shell view schema and said one or more display elements are resolved in favor of said shell view schema.

Independent claim 18 now includes similar claim language and is likewise patentable over Bruckner and Kish. Indeed, Applicants respectfully submit that neither cited reference teaches **presenting items with display elements defined by the displayed items and with a shell view schema dictated by the relationship type, wherein conflicts between the shell view schema and the display elements are resolved in favor of the shell view schema**, as now required by independent claims 9 and 18.

In light of the claim amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claims 1, 9, 13 and 18 are in condition for allowance. Applicants also submit that dependent claims 2 - 8, which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1. Furthermore, Applicants submit that dependent claims 10 - 12, which depend from claim 9, are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 9. Applicants submit that dependent claims 14- 17, which depend from claim 13, are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 13. Applicants also submit that dependent claims 19 - 24, which depend from claim 18, are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 18.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, claims 1 – 24 are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain which would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned prior to issuing a subsequent action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

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